

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

July 2017

We provide professional, efficient services to create a lifetime positive difference for our Community.

City of Mount Vernon Annual State Audit

The City of Mount Vernon is audited annually by the Washington State Auditor's Office. This year, the auditors were at City Hall from May 5 - June 23 conducting a financial statement audit and accountability audit for fiscal year 2016. Independent audits provide essential transparency for City operations.

The financial statement audit answers this question: Are the financial statements prepared fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable reporting framework? Your City received a YES. The City financial statements are prepared by the City's Finance Department in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and are intended to provide sufficient information to permit an assessment of stewardship and accountability, to demonstrate legal compliance, and to provide management control. We have won awards for our work 17 years in a row.

The second component is the accountability audit. The purpose is to assess the management, use and safeguarding of public resources to ensure there is protection from misuse and misappropriation (adherence to law, regulation, internal policy and procedure). In simple terms: Do we do what we say we are going to do? The areas of audit this year were:

- Cash Receipting / Third Party Cash Receipting
- Self Insurance Program
- Transportation Benefit District
- IT Security and Policies
- Contracts and Agreements

You can view the audit documents at www.sao.wa.gov and check out the Finance page on our City website for access to all financial statements and budget documents.

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Government/Title	Gov Type	Report #	Audit Type	Issued	Findings
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1017085	Financial	08/08/2016	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1017232	Accountability	08/08/2016	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1017074	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	06/28/2016	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1014626	Financial and Federal	07/25/2015	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1014730	Accountability	07/25/2015	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon	City/Town	1014599	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report	06/25/2015	(p/v)
City of Mount Vernon GASB 68	City/Town	1011980	Attestation Engagements	04/13/2015	(p/v)

The WSU Bread Lab Grand Opening

Join Mayor Boudreau in celebrating the opening of the Bread Lab at the Port of Skagit! Grain science has become one of the most exciting economic drivers in Skagit County – from malting, baking, brewing, and culinary endeavors – the Bread Lab is paving the way for a 'foodie' hub in Mount Vernon.

The Bread Lab began in 2011 in a small laboratory at the Washington State University Mount Vernon Research Center. Today it occupies 12,000 square feet at the Port of Skagit and includes the Bread Lab research and baking kitchen, a cytology lab, and King Arthur Flour Baking School at the Bread Lab. In 2017 construction will add a milling laboratory and a professional kitchen overseen by James Beard Best Chef Northwest Blaine Wetzel.



WSU President Kirk Schulz and our very own Dr. Steve Jones will be on hand for refreshments and tours.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Saturday, July 22, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Mount Vernon City Library
315 Snoqualmie Street

Friday, July 28, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Mount Vernon City Hall
910 Cleveland Avenue, 2nd Floor

Visit the City website for more information:
www.mountvernonwa.gov



Free concerts at 6pm
every Thursday night
through August 31 at
Skagit Riverwalk
Park. Family friendly,
fun, and perfectly
situated by the river
and downtown retail &
restaurants. Bring
your lawn chair and
enjoy the shows!

UPCOMING MAYOR'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENTS:

Fall & Winter Gardens Start in Summer

Monday, July 24, 6pm
City Library, 315 Snoqualmie Street

Join Valerie Rose, WSU Skagit Master Gardener, to learn why a fall garden must be started in the summer; which varieties are best for late-season harvest; and strategies for protecting your garden from frost and cold. New and experienced gardeners alike will learn how to extend the growing season well into the cold months.

Workout with a First Responder!

Friday, August 4, 10-11am
Hillcrest Park, 1717 S. 13th Street

Fun for all ages! Our first responders will be leading a 4-station circuit training in Hillcrest Park. Stop by and join in! They will also have tips, resources, and information available on things you can do on your own to improve your health.

STARLIGHT CINEMA:

Finding Dory (PG)

Friday, August 4, Dusk
Hillcrest Park, 1717 S. 13th Street

Come celebrate summer nights with movies under the stars on our jumbo screen every Friday in August! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and family & friends. Admission is free!

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Stay Safe Crossing the Street

With all the great weather this summer and more people heading outdoors to enjoy a walk or run during the longer daylight hours, please remember to be vigilant while crossing the street. Below are some helpful tips and reminders from various federal agencies, state departments and consumer organizations:

- Cross at designated crosswalks and always with the light, if there is one.
- Look in all directions before entering the crosswalk, and keep scanning until you reach the other side.
- Check for turning vehicles and cyclists before you step off the curb and while you are crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers to be sure they see you. Give a friendly wave!
- When crossing, don't talk or text on a cell phone.
- Carry a flashlight or other lighting when walking at twilight and dark.



1st and Gates Street Traffic Improvement

The City's Public Works Department recently received delivery of the ornamental stop sign posts and materials that will be used for a permanent all-way stop at the intersection of 1st and Gates Streets.



Our Street

Department will be removing the traffic signal heads and support arms and installing the stop sign posts as their schedule permits, and work is expected to be completed within the next 1-2 months.

Meet the Library's Summer Reading Mascot

Each year during the Mount Vernon City Library's summer reading program, the library selects a mascot from among its various puppets. This summer, **Sassafras the Cow** has that honor and her job is to hide at a different downtown business along 1st Street each week of the eight-week program.

Many summer reading families take a weekly stroll between downtown businesses and the library to participate.

When they spot the mascot, kids come to the library and tell staff where they found her, earning a small prize in return. Often, families discover new places downtown, so it's a win-win for local businesses and the library.

